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BON VOYAGE.

The American people will offer prayers for the safety and success of President Wilson while at the Peace Conference and in Europe. Here's hoping his highest ambitions may be fully realized and that he will return home amid the plaudits of the entire world. Also that he may secure freedom for Ireland, to which he stands pledged.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The Kentucky Irish American tenders hearty congratulations to the Right Rev. Denis O'Donoghue, Bishop of Louisville, who last Saturday quietly celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary. His people and friends of all denominations earnestly pray that he may be spared for many more years of usefulness. Bishop O'Donoghue was born in Davies county, Indiana, was ordained a priest on September 6, 1874, and on April 25, 1900, he was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Indianapolis. Ten years later he was transferred to the Louisville diocese.

HELPING IRELAND.

All over the country the friends of Ireland are demanding that Ireland shall be included among the small nations entitled to self-determination. Ireland is the test. If Ireland be not represented at the peace table the war-time talk about the rights of small nations proves tarnished rhetoric. Every friend of Ireland must make every effort to see that every influence is made to pay for Ireland. Let President Wilson know the sentiment of Irish Americans and democracy-loving Americans of other racial derivation is for Ireland unshackled. Ireland is a nation, and so always must be, governing itself without let or hindrance from Britain or other nation or group of nations.

BACK NEXT YEAR.

Americans will not object to our soldiers coming home at the earliest possible moment. About 7,000 returned soldiers were expected in New York before the end of the past week. That is only the beginning. We have been sending men to France at the rate of 300,000 a month. We may get them back at the rate of 30,000 a month this winter. But the vast majority of our soldiers will not return for a year at least. The war may be over, but the Allies are taking no chances. What may happen in Europe in the next few months no one can say. The Americans will be depended on to maintain order in Europe for another year.

SANTA CLAUS.

We who pride ourselves upon our ultra modern views probably scoff at Christmas traditions and declare that Santa Claus and the attendant achievements associated with him should have no place in the mind of the average child—that it is unfair to so mislead him. But if we do argue along these lines, we are nothing more or less than dyed-in-the-wool pessimists. To take old Santa Claus away from Christmas is really an unreasonable act and a measure so cruel to the juvenile world that we simply ought to be ashamed of ourselves for entertaining the idea even for a moment. We might better believe in Santa Claus and in all he means to our kiddies, and we ought to plan for his coming now by immediately making up the lists of presents that we hope he shall carry with him.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The National Catholic War Council, representing as it does the Archbishops, the highest Catholic authority in America, was in a position to organize all the Catholic agencies of the country for war purposes. In peace time the organization which has been built up during the period of the war will still be necessary if Catholics are to play an important part in settling the great problems of reconstruction. The church is keenly interested in having the reconstruction issues settled on the basis of justice and sound public policy. While the church is anxious for equal justice to all, she is more immediately interested in the weak, in those on whom our institutions press most heavily, and who are more likely to be the victims of injustice. As a prominent United States official recently put it, "The Catholic church is the poor man's house."

church," and if she is not in close touch and does not deal sympathetically with the problems of the wage-earner she will expose herself to severe criticism. Through the medium of the Catholic press and short simple pamphlets the Reconstruction Committee of the National Catholic War Council expects to give expression to educated Catholic public opinion in America on the various problems which concern the wage-earner. The most important of these are the living wage, better housing conditions and more adequate protection against such industrial hazards as sickness, industrial accidents, unemployment, old age and premature death. An educational campaign will also be conducted on such problems as training for citizenship, government ownership of railroads, government control of industry, price fixing and colonization. Among the writers who will contribute to this educational campaign are Prof. James E. Hagerty, of Ohio State University; Prof. David A. McCabe, of Princeton University; Dr. Charles Fenwick, of Bryn Mawr College; Drs. Ryan, O'Hara, Kerby and O'Grady, of the Catholic University; Dr. J. Elliott Ross, of Austin, Texas; Rev. Henry Siedenbergh, S. J., of Loyola University, Chicago, and Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, who will study reconstruction problems for the committee in Europe.

As to Mexico saluting our flag, now that the great war is over, how about our catching the cut-throat bandit Villa, who invaded our country and murdered our citizens? He could have been captured before, but let us hope that his escape will not be ordered again.

Let all spend this Advent holy season in fervent preparation for Christmas.

WELCOME MESSAGE.

"Home about Christmas" was the contents of a welcome cable message received Tuesday by Mrs. Colston, mother of Col. William A. Colston, commanding the 138th Field Artillery, now in France. The news gladdened many hearts and aroused keen interest among those who have sons in the 138th, as it is not deemed probable that Col. Colston will return except at the head of his regiment.

GREAT CHURCH EVENT.

His Excellency Most Rev. John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will arrive in New Orleans today, the purpose of his visit being to confer the sacred pallium upon His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop Shaw, and consecrate to the dignity of the episcopate the Right Rev. Jules B. Jeannard, Bishop-elect of Lafayette, and the Right Rev. Arthur Drosas, Bishop-elect of San Antonio. During his stay in New Orleans the Apostolic Delegate, who is the direct representative in the United States of Pope Benedict XV., will be the guest of the Most Rev. Archbishop Shaw. It will be the first visit of Msgr. Bonzano to New Orleans, and a most loyal welcome awaits His Excellency. The conferring of the sacred pallium and the consecration of the Bishops-elect will take place at the St. Louis Cathedral tomorrow. The dual event will be one of the most imposing religious services ever witnessed in the historic Cathedral. All the Bishops of the province are expected to be present and there will be delegations of clergy and laity from the sees of San Antonio and Lafayette and from Baton Rouge, Broussard and Breauville Bridge. The sermon on this occasion will be preached by Bishop Morris, of Little Rock.

NATIONAL SHRINE.

The erection in Washington of a monumental church, in honor of Mary Immaculate, to cost at least \$1,000,000, was decided upon just recently at the Catholic University of America, when Cardinal Gibbons presided at a representative gathering of Archbishops, Bishops and prominent laymen. The church is to be dedicated as a thank offering for the glorious victories of our soldiers and sailors, and will also commemorate the golden jubilee of Cardinal Gibbons' episcopate. The Cardinal has appealed to the Catholic country, and especially to the women, to complete the fund for the erection of the shrine. The project was prepared several years ago, and received the blessing of Pope Pius X., who urged all Catholics to generously contribute toward the happy completion of this church, which so many praiseworthy Catholic women have undertaken. "In the way," the Holy Father said, "will arise a masterpiece of religious architecture, which will lift heavenward the mind of every student who enters it, make him thirsty for wisdom from above, fill his heart with the same, and preserve it religiously while he lives." The exact location on the campus of the Catholic University has not been determined upon, but the shrine will be of marble, and will accommodate at least 3,000 persons. There will also be adjoining it a convent and rector's house.

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COMING EVENTS.

December 11—Card party of Nazareth Alumnae at 851 South Fourth avenue, afternoon only.

SOCIETY.

Miss Julia Malone entertained her luncheon bridge club Thursday evening.

Mrs. Alvin Malone, of Jeffersonville, left this week to join her husband at Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. John McGrody, of Jeffersonville, has returned from a visit to relatives at Edenburg, Ind.

Miss Mary Hogan, of West St. Catherine street, has been ill for the past week, but is improving daily.

Mrs. A. Scott Bullitt and mother, Mrs. Charles D. Stinson, of Seattle, returned Tuesday from a visit to Chicago.

Robert Hennessy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hennessy, of Sixth street, has been seriously ill this past week.

Miss Mary Louise Coleman has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Emily Coleman, and sisters at Frankfort.

Mrs. John Godfrey and son Tom have returned from Cincinnati, where they were the guests of Mrs. Thomas Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown and son, E. J. Jr., of Omaha, Neb., are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Brown, South Sixth street.

George O'Bryan and son Harold spent a few days last week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. O'Bryan at Glenwood.

Mrs. Margaret Newman, who visited her brother, William C. Newman, and family, has returned to her home at Frankfort.

The soldiers' reception and dance this evening at the Knights of Columbus club house will be under the auspices of the Queen's Daughters.

Mrs. B. S. Mattingly and daughter, Miss Katherine, who have been ill with influenza at their home on Cherokee road, are reported as improving.

Miss Stella Buckley, who has been on a tour of the Bluegrass with a party of friends, stopped in Frankfort on Thanksgiving day to be with her aunt, Mrs. Thomas J. Brian.

A fine baby boy arrived at the home of Col. Thomas J. Campion, and many Democrats are rejoicing, as they will make a clean sweep when his bunch begin to vote. Both mother and babe are doing nicely.

Miss Josephine Murphy, of Frankfort, who is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Bryan, and Dr. Bryan, Highland avenue, and has been very ill, is improving and thought to be out of danger.

Misses Esther McMahon and Carrie McMahon, of Utica, N. Y., are spending some time with Mrs. Cora Glassford at her home on Park avenue during Major Gen. John McMahon's stay at Camp Zachary Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil G. Erwinne announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elsie Louise Erwinne, to J. F. Erwinne, of Cincinnati, which took place at St. Columba's rectory, the Rev. Father Maloney performing the ceremony. They immediately took a short trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paravall announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Leona T. Paravall, to William T. Corbett. The wedding was quietly solemnized Saturday morning at St. Anthony's church, the Rev. Scragg officiating. The only attendants were Miss Bertha Paravall and John Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Storey announce the marriage of their daughter, Mabel Irene, to John Courtney Chapman, of Atlanta. The wedding took place November 30 at the rectory of St. Patrick's church at Charleston, S. C., the Rev. Father Redding officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will make their home in Charleston for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck are in receipt of letters from their sons-in-law, Archibald Clapp and John Archibald Korman, U. S. N., stating that they expect to spend Christmas with them at their home, 936 East Walnut street. Messrs. Clapp and Korman enlisted in the navy last June, the latter from Detroit and the former from this city.

DECEMBER INTENTION.

General intention recommended by His Holiness Pope Benedict XV. for the month of December is "The increase of the apostleship of prayer."

To The Democrats Of Kentucky:

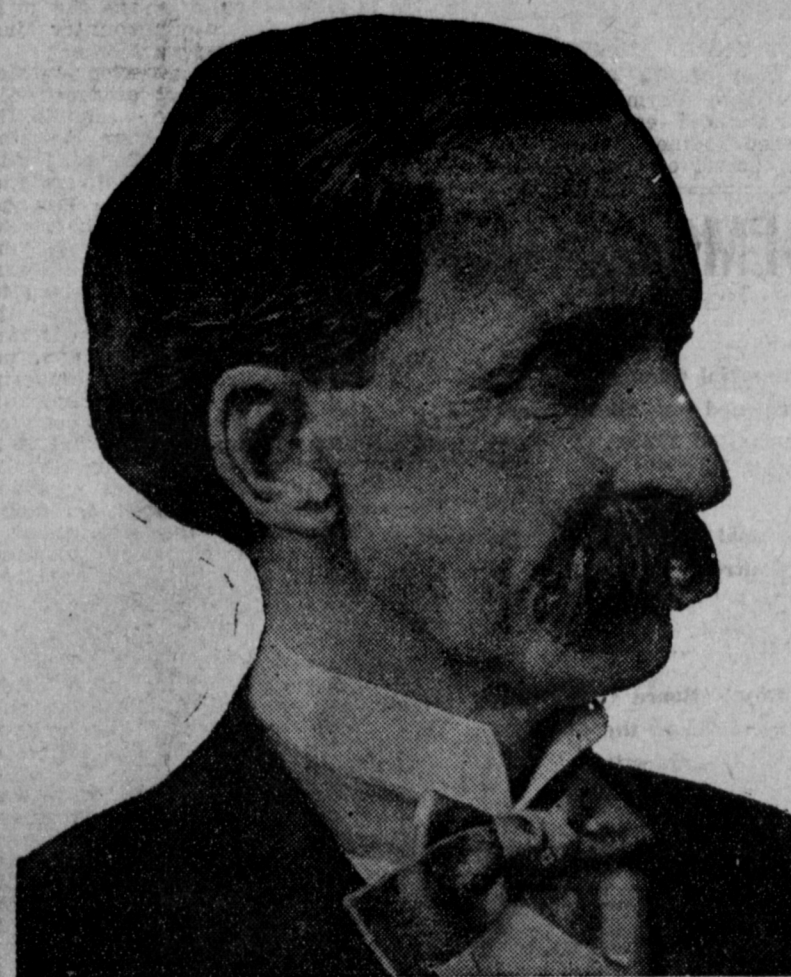
In a spirit which I trust is becoming, I seek opportunity to serve our State during the term and in the capacity herein indicated. And, therefore, with abiding faith in the tenacious fairness of Kentuckians and their adequacy to select officers who will labor to promote their best interests, and avowing my sure willingness to be satisfied with your decision expressed at the Primary Election to be held August 2, 1919, whether the decision shall be favorable or adverse to my aspirations, I am a candidate for the nomination for Governor on the Democratic ticket in 1919.

In 1915 I was elected Lieutenant Governor and, for that generous confidence, I will always be profoundly grateful.

The people know to what extent my candidacy in 1915 contributed to the success of our ticket that year. Hundreds of well-informed people in the State have openly expressed themselves as to that.

And my record as Lieutenant Governor does not shun scrutiny. But it is as open as is the day to inspection.

It has not been my habit or inclination to shirk duty or to attempt evasion of obligation, and, if I shall be nominated and elected Governor in 1919, I promise to consecrate the best powers I may possess to the task of rendering faithful response to the demand of the high trust confided, sincerely longing to earn and receive the people's approval of my official and personal conduct. I shall be



about the people's business, diligently striving to interpret their needs.

It is because I feel sure I can, by constancy of worthy effort as Governor, justify the preferment I seek and merit the commendation the people are always willing to bestow upon the faithful servant, that I am led to ask this higher sphere of official activity and responsibility.

Limitation of space denies elaboration here of details as to the measures and performances for which I think a Governor of Kentucky should stand and strive. And elaboration is hardly necessary anyway, for one's acts ought not to be confused with his words. It is easy to make promises, but performances are the important things. The people are entitled to performances rather than promises, however gracefully phrased the promises may be. Deeds should be the translation of intention, for problems cannot be solved by merely pronouncing the words which define them.

The war, with its havoc of waste and death, has ended with the dethronement of barbarous might. Autocracy, with its cruel ambitions menacing the freedom of the world, has been crushed, and democracy is triumphant.

The appalling struggle has ended in the delivery from a peril which threatened civilization, and in vindication of the life-time faith and cherished ideals for this dominant nation.

And now it behooves that we adjust ourselves for a peace which will win its own sure victories. We face a new day. The atmosphere of steady, sober thought is clearing and the clouds are lifting for a more distinct vision of the duties of the hour. A new era with new motives and changed purposes challenges attention. A new spirit and new life seek the stage. New ideals insist upon practical conduct in public and private affairs.

The eternity of the to-morrows lays draft upon us of to-day to save free from harm the glorious achievements wrought for truth and justice, liberty and righteousness in the recent cataclysm of war.

We see that a peaceful State has better staying qualities in testing times than has the war-crazed one, and that the moral life of a community is more real and important than its mere material welfare.

Cain's philosophy has always been false, for each of us is his brother's keeper. This is a day of service, and no idol can, with safety, be allowed to disfigure a people's altars.

If elected Governor I shall stand for—

1. An educated Kentucky.

I am a friend of the free school system and all our educational institutions. The free school is not a charity. But it rests upon the wise and patriotic conception that it is the duty of a free Commonwealth to provide means and ways for the education of its youth.

The youth of to-day will to-morrow be the rulers of the State.

We are a self-governing, democratic people, and to continue such and grow, we must look with effective concern to the educational development of the children of the State.

We must foster our free schools, strive to deepen their meaning, broaden their purpose and scope, make instruction more practical and attractive, accentuate the fact that the mission of the school is not so much to give information to the learner as to develop in the learner the power to think and find truth himself, always owning that the moral life is indispensable to the lasting weal of a free State.

And the war has impressed the notion upon me that our free school curriculum should be enlarged so as to embrace lessons in the subject of patriotism, instilling in the minds of our youth devotion of love of country, imparting the history and meaning of our nation's flag, the things it symbolizes, the language it speaks in the story of our country's proud endeavors, and more of the history of our great past, the rise, struggles and development of the Republic, however unscrupulously maintaining here absolute prohibition of any reference to partisan politics.

2. I am sure an officer should observe the principles of safe economy in his conduct of public affairs.

No State is entitled to a dollar of the people's money in excess of its needs to discharge its obligations and to administer its affairs economically and efficiently.

Every official utterance of mine on this subject proves that I favor adopting that principle in the actual management of the affairs of the State.

3. From my youth I have been opposed, but in no ill spirit, to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

During the 1918 session of the General Assembly there was passed and submitted to the electorate of the State for adoption at the election in November, 1919, an amendment to the State Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale and importation in Kentucky of all intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. I had the honor of presiding over the deliberations of the Senate when the proposed amendment was passed and also when the amendment to the Federal Constitution was ratified.

I am for both said amendments. And, if the amendment to the State Constitution shall be adopted and I become Governor, I will strive to have the General Assembly which will convene in January, 1920, enact every needful statute carrying into effective operation the provision of the Constitution as amended.

My opposition to the making and selling intoxicating beverages has been only because I could not and cannot escape belief that the suppression of same will benefit everybody, including the people themselves who may be engaged in the liquor business.

4. The innumerable sacrifices the good women of our land made in the struggle to "win the war" and make the "world safe for democracy," their ministrations of comfort and cheer and help and hope to our soldier boys in cantonments, on the sea and on the steel-swept and war-torn battlefields beyond the sea, their bravery in facing danger whenever and wherever duty calls, their fine sense of justice, their uplifting lives of happiness, sympathy, mercy and love, the good they have done in every crisis, their love of order, decency and law, the fact they are the soul in every redeemed society confirm in me the belief I have had for some years that they are entitled to the privileges of the ballot on equal terms with men.

5. I am for every proper means to safeguard and protect the rights of the laboring man on railroad train and track, in the mine, shop and factory, on the farm and in every other lawful calling.

I am opposed to all substance and semblance of partisan politics in the management of the penal and charitable institutions of the State.

And may I be allowed to say in conclusion that I am not unacquainted with the struggles of the young man who starts in life in poverty and without help. I know much of the cold, harsh finger of adversity and trial. I know the road the young man without money or help must travel to win his way. I was reared a poor boy on a poorer farm among the foothills of Southeastern Kentucky, and, when the time came to start out for myself and to try to get an education, I trudged my way on foot through mud and snow many scores of miles across the mountains to the southward to college, carrying on my back the all I possessed save for a will to do my best, and now full of sympathy for all whose road is rough and rugged, I come, after years of actual experience in affairs, to ask the people of my native State to fill my cup of political ambition by electing me Governor.

If that they will do, I shall diligently strive to be worthy of that alluring honor, and to return to them the trust unsullied.

The memory I treasure of the dead so dear to my life, tender respect for the living and a soul fearless of duty, will keep me from disgracing Kentuckians or making them ashamed, and to you possessed of the sovereignty of independent choosing, I submit my cause.

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WHAT ABOUT IRELAND? DOMESTIC PRELATE EXPLAINS.

The war is over and the age-long Irish problem has come into the open once again, this time in a form so simple that even an Orangeman can understand it. Many nations, England included, have been at death grips with a powerful enemy for one only cause, to make the world safe for democracy. Time and time again during the last four years the British Government and the British people, told the world they were sacrificing blood and treasure that small nations may preserve or obtain the right of self-determination, and thereafter live their lives in accordance with national aspirations untrammelled by foreign interference. It was this motive that impelled America, too, to enter the war. In fact it was the only reason stressed by the President in his messages to the nation. Naturally such an appeal was answered promptly and generously by all classes of our people. Our young men flocked to the colors by the millions; mothers and fathers and wives and sisters gave the best they had to the cause of freedom. It was democracy's war, a conflict not of men but of principles; freedom stood against oppression, and all peoples that loved liberty threw themselves to death with heroic abandon. Belgium, England, France, Canada, Australia, Ireland, the United States and many another nation poured out their blood for liberty. Ireland that she might obtain the other nations that they might not only preserve it for themselves but give it to those countries bereft of it, Ireland included. This problem was never simpler. The Allies and the United States, their associates in the war, have not once but many times repeatedly pledged themselves to freedom for Ireland. Their words mean nothing else, otherwise they were a hollow mockery of sincerity, a testimony that blood and treasure have been squandered in the cause of a deceitful diplomacy. Here is the dilemma, for Ireland or for Catholicism? Before the world of a hideous hypocrisy that has riven millions of hearts and left them hanging in bloody shreds. Nor should it be thought that this is only England's and Ireland's problem. Before the war it may have been theirs alone; it is the world's now, and ours in rather a special way. And if appearances be not deceitful America recognizes this fact, for on November 11, when flags were tossed wildly in the frenzied metropolises, the Irish flag was quite as prominent as the French flag and in many quarters of the city decidedly more prominent than the British flag. Thousands of hearts were searching for an answer to the question: What about Ireland? And the answer must come and come right, both for the honor of the Allies and the United States and for the peace of the world, says America.

McLAUGHLIN'S MUSHROOMS.
When "Tom" McLaughlin, of Newark, N. J., Supreme Warden of the Knights of Columbus, went abroad as a K. of C. Secretary he took his appetite with him. Tom does not speak French very fluently and has experienced like most Americans in France, considerable trouble getting what he wanted in restaurants abroad. In Paris recently Tom ordered some mushrooms. It was a cold, rainy night and he was hungry. The waiter couldn't understand what Tom wanted, so the latter drew a picture of a mushroom. The waiter hustled away and brought him an umbrella. Tom says he is wondering if they would bring him a griddle if he drew a picture of a doughnut.

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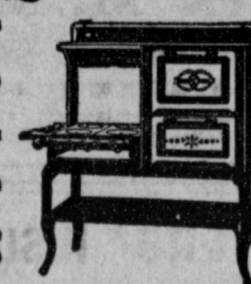
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HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

The big initiation of the Ladies' Auxiliary has been set for January 12.

Division 3 elected officers last night too late for this week's publication.

Division 4 will hold its annual election of officers next Monday evening.

State President James Deery, of Indianapolis, has recovered from an illness of influenza.

Division 3 elected its officers last night. They will be installed at the first meeting in January.

All members should assist their divisions with the reports of what they have done to help win the war.

The bazar given by Division 3 of South Omaha was largely attended. Ralph Byers won the Metz roadster.

The Hibernian membership and the Ladies' Auxiliary in this country forwarded requests for Ireland's freedom.

During the influenza epidemic Division 3 sustained the loss of two good members, John Karman and John Murphy.

The Auxiliary County Board of Cincinnati held the regular monthly meeting Thursday night at the Hotel Gibson.

County President John Hennessy and the local division officers sent a plea for Ireland's freedom to President Wilson, asking him to espouse Ireland's cause at the peace conference.

Rev. William P. Clark, County Chaplain, celebrated memorial requiem mass for the deceased members of the Ladies' Auxiliary last Sunday at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Mary McWhorter, National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, delivered a spirited address at the mass meeting for Irish freedom last Sunday at Indianapolis. The Hibernians were there in large numbers.

National President McLaughlin has urged that special meetings be held immediately, at which petitions to President Wilson in behalf of Ireland may be signed and adopted. Copies should also be sent to the plenipotentiaries of the United States to the peace conference.

JOSEPH E. FARRELL.

Joseph E. Farrell, beloved husband of Mamie Keenan Farrell, passed out of this life on Friday of last week at his home, 1808 West Market street. For years he was a book-keeper for the L. H. & St. L. Railroad Company and was held in high esteem by his associates and superiors. Joe Farrell had a wide circle of acquaintances and friends and was active in Hibernian circles, being Secretary of Division 1. Besides his wife he leaves four brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from St. Patrick's church, where he had been a regular attendant since making his first communion.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The local Knights of Columbus are preparing for another initiation to be held Sunday, December 15, under the auspices of the Past Grand Knights of the council. The day's exercises will begin with a mass for the deceased members at 8 o'clock and breakfast at 9:30. The first and second degree will be given at 10:30, followed by lunch at 12:30. At 2 p. m. the third degree will be given, followed by a banquet in honor of the Past Grand Knights, who will all be called upon for a talk. Next Thursday is the council's birthday and a party for members and their families will be given at the club house.

ASKS FOR THE GIRLS.

Writing from France on November 7 to his friend, Charles Casella, Francis M. Fitzgibbons, First Sergeant of Company A, 532d Engineers, sends a postal picture that shows him in the pink of condition. He says: "We got the Kaiser about whipped and I will be back next November. Let me know how all the girls are." Before engaging in the war for democracy Sergt. Fitzgibbons was with the Besten-Langen Company.

SHOP IN TIME.

Women who believe in keeping up the old-fashioned customs which make Christmas so dear to the average person should immediately begin their holiday shopping. Stocks in all lines just now are fresh and

at their best, and prices are low and probably lower than they will be a little later on. Of late years the plea to do one's shopping early in the season and early in the day has been heeded by the great majority. Indeed the woman who does not postpone this fascinating task finds the work of gift-giving and gift-making comparatively easy. Added to the fact she certainly saves some perhaps overburdened clerk or saleswoman a lot of unnecessary trouble, for delayed Christmas shopping always means extra work for the salespeople who must wait upon eleventh-hour comers.

RECENT DEATHS.

By the death of William Bishop, beloved husband of Barbara Bishop, 658 South Twenty-seventh, St. Charles parish loses another of its old and respected members. His funeral was held Saturday afternoon, Rev. Father Rafo conducting the solemn obsequies.

The funeral of Edward Wessel, aged twenty-seven, who succumbed to influenza after an illness of only a few days at his home, 651 South Twenty-sixth street, took place Saturday, the burial being in St. John's cemetery. Three sisters and two brothers are left to mourn his death.

Friends and relatives feel great sympathy for Robert and Katherine Arnold, 128 East Breckinridge street, from whom the Angel of Death has taken their infant son, Elvin Alexander Arnold. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon with interment in St. Louis cemetery.

The last solemn rites over the remains of August F. Beyer, whose death followed an illness of several weeks, were said Sunday afternoon at St. Anthony's church, of which he had long been a member. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Henry Beyer; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Schnepf, Mrs. James B. Nelson and Mrs. Henry A. Beyer, and two brothers, Andy and John Beyer.

Sunday morning Death released from earthly suffering Miss Mary E. Bigley, aged fifty-eight, after a long illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. Laura Davis, 1526 West Broadway. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Sacred Heart church, Rev. Father Walsh celebrating the requiem mass. Miss Bigley was widely known in Catholic circles and her death caused much sorrow.

Added to the large list of deaths the first half of the week were those of George A. Bann, 1239 South Sixteenth; John P. Clephas, 842 Vine street; Evelyn Heil, 508 Fehr avenue; George Leff, 916 South Forty-fifth; Thomas A. Palmer, 626 South Twenty-sixth; Mrs. George A. Perry, 1350 Richmond; Mary A. Woodsmall, 1332 Morton avenue; Thomas P. Mulloy, 1760 West Oak; Carrie Schoenemann, 712 Lampton; Edward D. Mueller, 2427 East Madison; Frank Messmer, 2523 Elliott avenue; Catherine Dell, 2514 Duncan.

FATHER CRANE BETTER.

His many friends throughout the city and State will be delighted to learn that the Rev. Dom F. Crane, who for years has brought consolation and cheer to the patients at St. Elizabeth Hospital, is now recovering from the illness that incapacitated him for some time past. Father Crane is one of the most devoted and beloved chaplains the hospital ever had.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

The various parish branches of the Catholic Orphan Society will on Sunday, December 15, elect Trustees, who will represent them on the Executive Board during the coming year. At the January meeting the election of President and central officers will take place. This society has passed through the present trying year very successfully.

MARRY OVER RIVER.

Miss Sadie C. Doyle and Isaac Palmer Caldwell were married in the rectory of St. Augustine's church, Jeffersonville, by the Rev. Father Halpin, last Friday evening. The bride for several years was an assistant at the Louisville Free Public Library. Her husband is connected with the law department of the Quartermaster's Depot, Jeffersonville. They will reside at 616 East Chestnut street, this city.

GREAT PATRONAL FEAST.

Tomorrow in all Catholic churches will occur the observance of the great patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today will be the vigil of the feast. In preparation for it many began a novena on Friday of last week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Late News That Will Interest Members Here and Elsewhere.

Madison Barracks will soon have a commodus K. of C. hut.

At Omaha the \$15 initiation fee will be continued until February 1.

Eighteen candidates received the first degree last week at Indianapolis.

The Knights sent overseas 500 additional footballs for our boys for Thanksgiving.

Omaha expects to initiate a class on December 15. A third class will follow soon after the holidays.

With the big initiation tomorrow at Fremont, Neb., the membership promises to soon exceed 1,000.

Evansville Knights had a successful year-end initiation last Sunday, a class of fifty receiving the degrees.

The class of fifty-two just initiated at Chillicothe, Ohio, was entirely made up of Uncle Sam's khaki-clad boys.

Twenty candidates received the second degree Thursday night at Auburn, N. Y., where the membership has been steadily increasing.

Last Sunday a council was instituted at Conception, Mo., starting with sixty-five members, which will soon be increased to more than 100.

Two hundred members of Union Council, Syracuse, attended a farewell banquet in honor of ex-Grand Knight Michael J. Dwyer, who goes to France as a K. of C. war Secretary.

THOMAS J. BRISLAN.

Frankfort and Louisville have been deeply grieved by the unexpected death of Thomas J. Brislan, which occurred on Friday of last week at the King's Daughters Hospital, following a hurried operation for stomach trouble. The deceased was fifty-five years old and had long been one of Frankfort's most prominent merchants. He was a friend of the poor and always did his bit for the advancement of his neighbors and the city. Surviving him are his wife and two sisters, Mrs. Nona Donley and Mrs. William Matheiser, of Louisville, and two brothers, John J. and William Brislan, of Frankfort. The funeral was largely attended by people of all denominations, the Church of the Good Shepherd being filled to its doors. To the bereaved wife and relatives is tendered the profound sympathy of their many friends in Louisville.

BEFORE WAR'S CLOSE.

The Kentucky Irish American received a letter in this week's mail from Private Daniel O'Keefe, of this city, and the letter was written on November 8, just three days before the armistice was signed. In his letter he tells of talking to some men just back from the front, and they said the Germans were on the run for fair, and all were of the opinion that the war wouldn't last much longer. Private O'Keefe also intimated that he was just about to be sent to the front line trenches and spoke cheerfully of his prospects. He says that France is a beautiful country, the weather was ideal, but give him the good old U. S. A.

FATHER RYAN COMING.

Louisville will be honored on December 15 by the presence of Very Rev. Father John A. Ryan, professor of political economy at the Catholic University, Washington, D. C. Father Ryan will be the honor guest at the initiation and twentieth anniversary celebration of the Knights of Columbus, at the banquet at the Seelbach will deliver an address on "Social Reconstruction," a subject that will soon demand world-wide consideration. With this initiation Louisville Council will surpass all previous records.

LEAVES FOR FRANCE.

Ray Flanagan, for twenty years clerk of the Quarterly Court and one of the most accommodating and popular men about the Court House, received official notice Saturday from the national headquarters of the Knights of Columbus to report at once at the New York office for overseas service as Secretary in the K. of C. war work. He left Louisville Saturday night and is supposed to be now on his way to France. The best wishes of a legion of friends go with him into his new field of labor, in which he is certain to make good.

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